

## THE PACIFIC

## Commercial Advertiser

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## UNVEILING DAY.

Today at four o'clock a most interesting ceremony will take place on the grounds of Oahu College—the unveiling of a tablet in memory of one of the pioneer missionaries, the Rev. Hiram Bingham. The tablet will stand on the site of his primitive home. Gathered about it will be many people whose names and personalities are identified with the progress of Christianity in Hawaii—the son of the great missionary, the present Rev. Hiram Bingham; the widow of Father Connors, the man who baptized hundreds of native islanders in one day in the surf; the venerable Sereno Bishop, D. D., himself a missionary teacher and pastor, born here and following in his father's footsteps; the Rev. Mr. Gulick, also of the apostolic brotherhood, and United States Judge Dole, Hawaii's most distinguished publicist, son of the missionary first president of Oahu College. There will be other descendants of the people who rescued Hawaii from heathenism present, a notable array of men and women. In proper recognition of the main purpose of the gathering, addresses will be made, an ode read and there will be music, inclusive of the song which was sung in the Park street church of Boston when the earliest Hawaiian missionaries started on their way, and which was again sung by the missionaries themselves when, from the shrouds of the little brig that brought them here, they first beheld the green heights of this far country. No event in the recent missionary history of this group seems likely to deserve more attention, both here and in mainland churches, than today's ceremonies.

## JAPAN'S POSSIBLE STRATEGY.

Naval men, while not committing themselves to the view that there will be no battle on the high seas of the In Port Arthur. It is argued that Togo wants to reach Vladivostok with only such losses as may be inflicted by mines and torpedoes en route. Once in Vladivostok the Russians would be trapped as they were in Port Arthur. It is argued that Togo would then blockade the northern harbor while a Japanese army invested it by land. He could easily lay a mine field to keep the Russians from making night sorties and then stand off and bombard, while the Japanese army fought for positions from which the fleet would be in range. It would serve Japan's purpose better, as a matter of course, to sink the enemy's ships in port rather than in the open sea where they could not be recovered.

It is admitted that a fight may have to come, but the Russians, with the bottoms of their ships fouled, can hardly want to force it. The vital thing for them now is to go into dock. Of course, on this view of the matter, Togo might feel justified in attacking, but as was the case with Sampson at Santiago he has been ordered to be extremely cautious about risking his big ships, Japan having but five.

The Advertiser cites the grocery store at the corner of Wilder avenue and Makiki street, under former managements, as proof that saloons would exist, if licensed, in the best residence portions of the city. It proves nothing of the kind. It was a grocery store and not a licensed saloon. Whatever profit it made from the illicit sale of liquor, was so much profit added to the grocery business, because it paid nothing for the privilege of selling liquor. But if it had had to pay a license, it would not have sold any liquor, because it could not have sold enough to pay for the license.—Star.

It happens that when the police shut off the liquor annex the grocery had to close. The place remained shut a long time and is now run in hand-to-mouth fashion as a Chinese grocery. While in full running order as a liquor joint it did a large business. So did two more within two or three blocks.

Captain Truebridge, of the Olympia, threatens to have the senators from Washington "knock" the islands if we do not buy his coal. This is a new way of drumming up trade. We fancy, however, that Hawaii can stand "knocking" considerably better than it can the stealing of its labor. Meanwhile the Olympia's coal doesn't seem particularly needful to the well-being of the islands.

Shown Joe Cohen is the first man to see the burden of a county system coming his way. The House last evening stood by the clause calling upon him for \$5 per night for each performance he gives, because, as one member said, "We have got to have every cent we can get to pay our county expenses."

Now we are to have a United States secret service. This is bound to have a depressing effect politically.

## ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT.

The disturbing question among the Congregational churches of the Eastern States at the present time is embraced in this inquiry: "Having solicited a gift of John D. Rockefeller and received \$100,000 for missionary purposes, would the American Board be justified in declining to accept the money on the ground that the donor had not come by it honestly?" A fierce contention is raging with good men on both sides of it.

The case of those who hold that the Board should reject the money would be stronger if that body had not asked for the gift in the first instance. But think of the position of a number of gentlemen who, knowing as much about Mr. Rockefeller then as they do now, went to him for some of his Standard Oil money and, getting it, threw the gold in his face saying: "Take back your dirty dollars, you rascal!" Such men might or might not be Christians but they would surely be cad.

Then the question comes up that if Mr. Rockefeller's money is dishonestly gathered and held in such a way that those who paid it to him cannot identify it or be identified themselves, is it morally best for a Christian body to accept some of it and set it to doing good works or to leave it in Mr. Rockefeller's hands for the multiplication of evil?

One might justly refuse to accept Mr. Rockefeller's fellowship, but his money is money. It is a part of the legal tender of the United States. Long before Mr. Rockefeller had it, it did its share both of good and ill. Any of those dollars went, perhaps, from the street-walker to the gambler, from the gambler to the mechanic, from the mechanic to the race-track, from the race-track to the barkeeper, from the barkeeper to the groceryman, from the groceryman to the minister, from the minister to the poor and from the poor to the beer saloon and so on through store and slum, through mansion and dive. All money is more or less dirty. A deal of it comes from rich men who evade their taxes and are crusted thick with perjury. When it comes to dirty people we try to wash them and make them clean and get them into cleanly occupations. Isn't that a good standard to set for money, too?

It may be set down as a self-evident proposition—so it seems to the Advertiser—that if all the scoundrels in the world contributed to the coffers of the American Board they would have just so much less money for rascality and the Board just so much more for Christianity. And unless such money could be returned to its real owners what better use could be made of it than in doing good?

## THE PATERNAL COUNTY ACT.

Paternalism, in its practical aspect, is a means of furnishing men with shelter, food and clothing, without any corresponding return in labor. This is the most obvious feature of the County Act, both as a whole and in some of its segregated parts. A clear example of this characteristic exists in the second subdivision of Section 62, Chapter 14, of the Act, which is preceded by another wholesale delegation of power to fix the salaries of all County officers, not specifically provided for, and succeeded by the power to authorize and supervise the expenditure of all funds belonging to the County. The particular language, thus embodied in clauses of unrestricted discretion to allow compensation and to furnish the requisite money, is as follows: "To appoint such subordinate officers as they may deem necessary for the public service."

It will be observed that here there is no limitation whatever upon the right conferred by the "Joker." It would be difficult to conceive of a better opportunity for grafting, especially as a preparation for elections. Any number of voters may be deemed "necessary for the public service," and may prepare for the exercise of the highest privilege of citizenship by lounging about the country in the character of "subordinate officers."

If it be claimed that the present County Act avoids the rock upon which the County Act passed by the legislature of 1893 was wrecked, namely, the intermixture of territorial and county functions, what is to be said of the provision that "Each County Attorney when elected shall become a deputy of the Attorney General of the Territory?" It would seem to the ordinary citizen that this provision establishes the greater part of the force in the Attorney General's office, and deprives that territorial functionary of the discretionary power of appointment.

Illustrations of the peculiarities of this unique piece of legislation might be piled up, but, at this time, two more may be mentioned. Under the head of "General Provisions," referring to the deputies of officers other than Supervisors, Sheriffs, Assessors and Tax Collectors, it is provided that "each deputy shall have the same power as his principal." Thus, when the voters elect one officer, by operation of law, they elect his deputy to the same position. His duties not only embrace the

ordinary obligations of deputies, but they are made absolutely coincident with the duties of his chief. In fact, instead of one, there are two principals, each corresponding to the other.

Once more: Section 110 a, enacts that, "Any County officer may, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, employ such clerks and other assistants as may be necessary to aid him in the performance of the duties of his office, and may, without such approval, remove the same."

Here the same limitless possibilities as before mentioned, are suggested and the arbitrary power of removal is a direct attack upon the principle of civil service.

The County Act is surely a model for the study of grafting partisans.

## REVIVAL SERVICES FOR PASSION WEEK

The week's revival services opened yesterday with a women's prayer meeting in Central Union Church at 3 p. m. The service was well attended and proved very helpful. In the evening neighborhood prayer meetings were held at private houses throughout the city. Tonight there will be a big union service in the First Methodist Church. There will be good music, good addresses and a service of prayer appropriate to the Passion Week. Tomorrow night the union meeting will be in the First Christian Church. On Good Friday there will be a women's prayer service at 10 a. m., and a great union communion service in Central Union Church in the evening. All the services will begin at 7:30. The noon meetings for men will be continued in the Alexander Young building, each service commencing at 12:05 p. m. There will also be noon meetings for young women in the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

## PROPER TO TAKE ROCKEFELLER'S MONEY

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layers thick. If there is one that isn't I desire to acquire him for my museum and will pay dinosaur rates. Will you say it isn't infraction of the law, but only annual evasion of it? Comfort yourselves with that nice inclination if you like—for the present. But by and by, when you arrive, I will show you something interesting—a whole hell full of evaders. Sometimes a frank law-breaker turns up elsewhere, but I get those others every time.  
"To return to my muttons, I wish you to remember that my rich purjurers are contributing to the American board with frequency. It is money filched from the sworn-off personal tax; therefore it is the wages of sin; therefore it is my money; therefore it is I that contribute it, and, finally, it is therefore as I have said: since the board daily accepts contributions from me, why should it decline them from Mr. Rockefeller, who is as good as I am, let the courts say what they may?" "SATAN."

One of the greatest compliments Senator Spooner ever received contrasted him in his breeziest style with Thomas Jefferson at his best, to the latter's disparagement. When a young man, Spooner was engaged to deliver the Fourth of July address in a small town. Another young aspirant for fame, named Clinton, read the Declaration of Independence, which was followed and interpreted by Spooner's eagle-screaming speech. On his way home Spooner met a countryman, one of his audience, who complimented him after this pattern: "That was a magnificent speech of yours, Mr. Spooner, I think the very best I ever heard; anyhow, it knocked Clinton's all hollow."

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